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the following shipments passed through the Frankfurt/Oder border station, in the directions indicated, between 23 July and 12 August 1953:

25X1 B - boxcar  
E - express train  
F - flatcar  
F/S - flatcar with sidetracks  
G - gondola car  
R - refrigerator car  
SS - heavy-duty flatcar  
T - tank car

Date Number Load  
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23 15 F/S undetermined  
10 F iron, sheet metal  
18 F undetermined  
42 B grain  
12 G lumber  
32 B cucumbers  
15 G undetermined  
32 F/S and ore  
F  
30 G coal  
8 G  
13 F ore  
17 B empty

23 46 B grain  
25 B cucumbers  
12 B potatoes  
42 B empty  
46 G ore  
42 B undetermined  
12 G lumber  
25 B cucumbers  
5 B vegetables  
3 B horses  
32 B undetermined

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
24	32 T	empty	24	25 F/S	empty
	25 R	butter		5 B	vegetables
	42 B	undetermined		15 G	coal
	25 F	"		42 G	ore
	5 SS	"		38 G	undetermined
	17 F/S	iron, sheet metal		19 F	combines
	30 E	empty		23 B	cucumbers
	17 G	empty		17 B	empty
25	13 F/S	undetermined	25	38 G	ore
	20 F	ore		3 F/S	empty
	18 G	undetermined		41 E	grain
	15 B	empty		22 B	undetermined
	2 B	vegetables		42 E	empty
	25 R	butter		28 F/S	ore
	41 E	grain		17 G	lumber, 1 meter long
	20 G	empty			
	32 E	cucumbers			
26	31 T	empty	26	12 F/S	iron
	48 B	grain		32 R	undetermined
	17 G	empty		12 T	"
	17 G	undetermined		5 F	iron
	17 F/S	iron		15 F	pig iron
	38 R/S	undetermined		17R	undetermined
	44 E	grain		13 T	"
	18 C	coal		42 B	empty
	5 SS	undetermined		27 E	"
	20 F/S	iron		2 B	vegetables
	17 G	undetermined		12 F/S	ore
	7 E	potatoes		21 F	undetermined
	17 R	undetermined			

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
27	43 B	grain	27	12 S3	undetermined
	42 B	undetermined		13 F/S	iron
	6 B	horses		6 G	undetermined
	2 G	undetermined		12 B	cucumbers
	15 F/S	empty		10 G	undetermined
	41 B	empty		8 G	ore
	17 E	undetermined		35 F/S	undetermined
	12 F	undetermined		38 G	ore
	7 F	iron		6 F/S	undetermined
	21 F/S	iron		25 B	empty
	13 S3	iron tubes		21 F/S	iron
	2 F/S	undetermined		48 B	undetermined
	19 R	undetermined		13 S3	"
	25 B	cucumbers		22 B	grain
	17 B	undetermined		19 S3	combines
	46 B	grain		6 F/S	undetermined
				12 G	empty
28	25 G	undetermined	28	41 G	ore
	17 F/S	ore		17 F/S	iron
	6 F	undetermined		25 F	undetermined
	41 B	empty		27 F/S	undetermined
	42 R	fat		13 G	iron
	15 B	undetermined		8 F	undetermined
	17 F/S	empty		37 B	cucumbers and vegetables
	2 F	undetermined		18 F/S	iron
	13 F	combines		7 F	undetermined
29	36 T	empty	29	25 F	undetermined
	8 G	undetermined		12 F/S	iron
	47 B	undetermined		8 F	undetermined
	12 B	cucumbers and vegetables		25 G	undetermined
	13 F/S	empty		12 F/S	ore
	12 B	undetermined		12 F	undetermined
	21 R	undetermined		41 G	ore
	44 B	undetermined		17 F/S	iron
	15 F/S	pig iron		9 F	undetermined
	11 F/S	ore		28 G	coal
				32 T	empty
				37 B	empty

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
29	17 F/S	iron	29	25 G	undetermined
	4 B	horses		12 F/S	ore
	25 B	cucumbers and vegetables		6 F	undetermined
				47 B	undetermined
30	32 R	butter	30	17 R	undetermined
	28 F/S	iron		32 G	coal
	5 F	undetermined		25 B	vegetables
	19 F/S	ore		41 G	ore
	17 G	lumber		3 G	ore
	25 F/S	undetermined		15 F/S	undetermined
	17 F	ore		21 F	ore
	46 B	undetermined		9 G	undetermined
	15 T	empty		6 F	pig iron
	12 F/S	undetermined		25 G	undetermined
	6 SS	undetermined		8 G	ore
	25 F	iron		12 F/S	undetermined
	17 F/S	undetermined		11 G	lumber
	37 B	potatoes and vegetables			
31	43 B	undetermined	31	17 G	undetermined
	28 R	undetermined		24 G	ore
	12 B	"		7 F	undetermined
	28 B	vegetables		17 G	lumber
	13 B	undetermined		23 G	coal
	7 F	empty		13 F/S	iron
	15 F/S	undetermined		6 F	undetermined
	35 B	potatoes and vegetables		23 F/S	undetermined
	12 G	lumber		15 F	iron
	43 B	undetermined		7 F	undetermined
	37 B	vegetables and potatoes		15 G	lumber
	3 F	combines		13 F	iron
				22 F/S	undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
1	48 B	undetermined	1	6 F	undetermined
	42 G	ore		20 F/S	iron
	28 F/S	pig iron		30 G	undetermined
	24 F	undetermined		38 R	undetermined
	48 B	grain		15 F	iron
	15 B	ore		18 F/S	undetermined
	31 F/S	undetermined		47 B	undetermined
	22 B	vegetables		8 G	lumber
	47 B	undetermined		15 G	coal
	12 G	pig iron		13 F/S	undetermined
				12 R	undetermined
				31 B	"
2	38 T	empty	2	15 F/S	pig iron
	24 R	undetermined		15 F/S	pig iron
	51 B	undetermined		46 B	undetermined
	8 F	undetermined		46 G	ore
	30 F/S	iron		28 F/S	ore
	6 G	undetermined		43 F	undetermined
	47 B	grain		12 B	vegetables
	8 G	lumber		4 B	iron
	32 R	undetermined		36 T	empty
	12 F	grain		13 F	undetermined
				15 F	iron
				6 F/S	undetermined
3	48 B	empty	3	11 F	iron
	47 B	grain		26 F/S	undetermined
	37 R	undetermined		12 B	vegetables
	17 F/S	ore		8 G	coal
	25 F	undetermined		3 B	horses
	8 SS	empty		6 B	vegetables
	43 B	grain		25 F	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined		16 F/S	iron
	9 F	undetermined		5 G	undetermined
	25 F/S	iron		42 R	undetermined
	4 F	undetermined		15 F/S	undetermined
				18 G	ore
				6 F	undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
4	8 SS	undetermined	4	16 F/S	pig iron
	15 F/S	iron		32 F/S	empty
	9 F	undetermined		5 B	undetermined
	42 G	ore		28 R	"
	43 B	grain		43 B	undetermined
	1 F	undetermined		7 F	undetermined
	30 F/S	iron		16 F/S	iron
	11 F	undetermined		20 F	undetermined
	18 G	undetermined		47 B	undetermined
	20 F/S	ore		12 F	vegetables
	5 F	undetermined		18 R	undetermined
	54 B	empty		33 B	"
	53 B	grain		20 G	undetermined
				18 F/S	coal
				5 F	undetermined
5	32 R	undetermined	5	5 F	undetermined
	42 G	ore		3 SS	iron
	58 B	empty		28 F/S	undetermined
	12 G	pig iron		5 B	vegetables
	43 B	grain		12 F/S	empty
	45 R	undetermined		33 T	empty
	46 B	grain		15 F/S	ore
	18 F/S	undetermined		29 F	undetermined
	20 F	iron		15 B	empty
	23 B	vegetables		13 F	iron
	6 F/S	iron		24 F/S	undetermined
				20 F	undetermined
				18 F/S	iron
				11 G	undetermined
6	13 F/S	iron	6	15 G	ore
	6 SS	undetermined		8 G	undetermined
	12 F	"		21 F	"
	44 B	undetermined		24 F/S	iron
	5 B	vegetables		23 F	undetermined
	51 T	undetermined		43 B	undetermined
	32 F/S	iron		3 F	combines
	5 F	undetermined		43 G	ore
	23 B	vegetables		7 SS	empty

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
6	8 F	combines	6	22 F	iron
	46 B	undetermined		6 F/S	undetermined
	15 F/S	ore		32 B	vegetables
	32 F	undetermined			
7	52 B	undetermined	7	43 B	grain
	7 F	iron		45 F/S	grain
	22 F	undetermined		12 B	vegetables
	15 F/S	"		47 B	grain
	43 B	undetermined		8 F	iron
	46 R	undetermined		35 F/S	undetermined
	4 B	vegetables		23 F	empty
	43 G	ore		48 B	grain
	15 F/S	iron		21 B	vegetables
	22 F	undetermined		6 G	lumber
	6 G	"			
8	15 F/S	ore	8	18 G	coal
	24 F	undetermined		35 F/S	iron
	5 G	"		8 B	vegetables
	42 B	grain		31 R	undetermined
	13 F	empty		36 F	empty
	15 G	empty		52 B	empty
	12 F	ore		11 B	vegetables
	13 SS	iron		8 G	lumber
	20 F/S	undetermined		13 F/S	iron
	12 F	empty		28 F	undetermined
	48 B	grain		12 F	"
	24 F	ore		4 B	vegetables
	25 F/S	undetermined		21 F	empty
	5 F	iron			
	23 F/S	undetermined			
	22 F	"			
	46 R	undetermined			
9	13 F/S	iron	9	22 F	iron
	30 F	undetermined		15 F/S	undetermined
	2 G	"		17 F	"
	46 B	grain		42 B	undetermined
	48 G	ore		15 B	vegetables
	12 F/S	empty			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
9	22 F	iron	9	18 G	pig iron
	31 F/S	undetermined		20 F/S	undetermined
	42 B	undetermined		15 F	"
	30 F/S	pig iron		15 G	coal
	4 B	empty		32 F/S	ore
	6 B	vegetables		19 G	undetermined
				15 B	sugar
				47 B	grain
10	48 B	grain	10	47 B	grain
	9 F	iron		31 F/S	ore
	23 F/S	undetermined		15 F	undetermined
	12 F	"		5 B	vegetables
	51 B	undetermined		42 G	ore
	9 B	sugar		32 T	empty
	8 F/S	iron		12 G	ore
	48 B	undetermined		21 F	empty
	32 R	undetermined		3 G	lumber
	5 B	vegetables			
	38 B	grain			
11	13 F/S	ore	11	27 F	iron
	15 F	undetermined		12 F/S	undetermined
	21 G	"		49 B	undetermined
	48 B	grain		46 B	undetermined
	42 G	ore		15 F	empty
	5 B	vegetables		12 G	ore
	21 B	vegetables		32 T	empty
	18 F/S	iron		30 R	undetermined
	20 F	undetermined		3 G	lumber
	17 F	"		47 B	empty
	15 B	empty			
	5 B	sugar			
	18 F/S	empty			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
12	47 B	grain	12	8 F	iron
	46 B	undetermined		27 F/S	undetermined
	32 G	ore		2 F	"
	9 B	sugar		5 B	vegetables
	5 SS	iron		48 B	grain
	27 F	undetermined		41 R	undetermined
	11 F/S	"		8 F	iron
				31 F	undetermined
				5 F/S	"
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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
23	38 B	potash	23	42 G	empty
	17 F	machinery		47 B	capital goods
	22 F/S	undetermined		42 G	empty
	40 B	uranium ore		42 B	undetermined
	8 F	machinery		50 B	empty
	25 F/S	undetermined		32 F/S	machinery
	12 F	"		17 F	undetermined
	37 B	empty		32 R	"
	45 B	uranium ore			
	4 F/S	wheel sets			
24	17 B	undetermined	24	27 F/S and F	machinery
	46 B	capital goods		42 B	potash
	45 B	uranium ore		30 G	empty
	4 F/S	wheel sets		42 G	empty
	28 B	undetermined		43 B	capital goods
	32 G	empty		17 F/S	machinery
	6 B	undetermined		17 F/S	machinery
	6 G	undetermined		2 G	undetermined
	17 F/S	machinery		6 F	"
	25 F	undetermined		48 G	empty
	46 B	undetermined		8 G	empty
	38 T	undetermined		12 F	undetermined
	35 F/S	machinery		6 G	"
	12 SS	machinery		52 B	empty
	13 F	undetermined			

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
24	46 B	uranium ore	24	32R	(reparations delivery)
	6 F/S	wheel sets		35 F	undetermined
	17 F	machinery		15 F	"
25	25 B	empty	25	32 G	"
	43 B	uranium ore		52 G	empty
	49 B	undetermined		24 F/S	machinery
	24 F	"			
26	17 G	empty	26	22 B	empty
	45 T	undetermined		45 B	uranium ore
	12 F	machinery		35 F/S	machinery
	6 F	"		12 SS	"
	32 T	undetermined		43 B	undetermined
	12 F	empty		8 G	empty
	15 F	machinery		20 F	machinery
	48 B	potash		42 G	empty
	32 F/S	machinery		46 B	capital goods
	47 B	undetermined		13 F	machinery
	15 F	machinery		28 F/S	undetermined
	12 F	undetermined			
27	6 F/S	wheel sets	27	32 R	(reparations delivery)
	45 B	uranium ore		25 F/S	machinery
	47 B	undetermined		17 F	undetermined
	48 F/S	"		17 F	machinery
	12 G	machinery		6 F	"
	46 B	undetermined		47 B	uranium ore
	52 G	empty		15 F	machinery
	29 F/S	undetermined		2 F	undetermined
	15 F/S	machinery		12 SS	"
	4 G	undetermined		27 B	empty
28	43 B	undetermined	28	56 G	empty
	30 G	reparations delivery		4 F/S	wheel sets
	38 T	undetermined		8 G	empty
	48 B	"			

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
28	45 B	uranium ore	28	42 B	potash
	35 F/S	machinery		50 G	empty
	12 F	undetermined		42 F/S	machinery
	51 B	empty		32 R	repairs delivery
	6 F/S	wheel sets		50 B	undetermined
	25 B	undetermined		21 G	empty
29	50 B	uranium ore	29	20 F/S	machinery
	48 B	undetermined		18 F	undetermined
	49 G	empty		15 F	"
	48 B	undetermined		47 B	uranium ore
	43 F	machinery		42 F	machinery
	52 B	undetermined		49 G	empty
30	24 B	empty	30	51 F	machinery
	49 B	undetermined		18 G	empty
	54 G	empty		49 F/S	machinery
	47 B	undetermined		45 B	uranium ore
	51 G	empty		45 R	undetermined
	25 G	empty		13 B	empty
	19 F	machinery		17 F/S	machinery
	79 B	undetermined		12 F	"
	28 F	machinery		20 F/S	"
31	12 F	machinery	31	33 F/S	machinery
	6 F	wheel sets		32 R	repairs delivery
	4 F/S	"		30 E	"
	76 B	uranium ore		51 B	undetermined
	20 F	machinery		27 F/S	machinery
	12 G	empty		15 B	empty
	16 G	empty		32 T	undetermined
	43 B	empty		53 F	machinery

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
1	6 F	wheel sets	1	32 R	repairs delivery
	11 SS	machinery		35 F	machinery
	45 B	undetermined		54 G	empty
	37 F	machinery		42 R	undetermined
	48 B	undetermined		42 B	"
	51 B	"			
2	43 B	undetermined	2	51 G	empty
	15 F	machinery		6 SS	machinery
	26 F/S	undetermined		15 F/S	undetermined
	32 F/S	machinery		15 F	machinery
	15 F	undetermined		21 F/S	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined		11 F	"
	43 B	uranium ore		51 G	empty
	47 B	empty		45 B	undetermined
	25 F/S	machinery		12 G	empty
	22 F	undetermined		32 T	undetermined
3	15 B	undetermined	3	17 F/S	machinery
	51 B	"		8 SS	undetermined
	15 F/S	machinery		47 B	"
	17 F	undetermined		32 E	repairs delivery
	51 B	undetermined		18 F/S	machinery
	6 F/S	wheel sets		43 B	undetermined
	23 F	machinery		48 G	empty
	4 G	undetermined		15 F/S	machinery
	3 R	pineapples		20 F	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined			
4	32 B	empty	4	13 F/S	machinery
	12 G	undetermined		30 F	undetermined
	46 B	uranium ore		45 B	empty
	32 R	repairs delivery		4 F/S	wheel sets
	8 SS	machinery		15 F/S	machinery
	53 G	empty		46 B	uranium ore
	47 B	undetermined		32 F	machinery
	15 F/S	empty		51 B	undetermined
	54 B	empty		15 F	machinery
	32 F/S	undetermined			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
4	7 SS	machinery	4	22 F	machinery
	76 B	undetermined		8 F/S	undetermined
5	25 B	empty	5	22 F	machinery
	17 G	undetermined		20 F/S	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined		7 SS	machinery
	12 G	empty		22 F	undetermined
	32 F/S	machinery		42 B	undetermined
	15 F	undetermined		32 T	"
	6 F/S	wheel sets		20 E	repairs delivery
	48 B	undetermined		52 G	empty
	22 F	machinery		20 F/S	machinery
	32 F/S	machinery		46 G	empty
	18 F	undetermined			
6	15 G	empty	6	37 B	empty
	4 F/S	wheel sets		32 R	repairs delivery
	51 B	undetermined		46 B	uranium ore
	35 T	"		12 G	undetermined
	47 B	"		13 SS	machinery
	22 E	repairs delivery		15 F/S	undetermined
	53 B	undetermined		20 F	"
	18 G	empty		6 F/S	wheel sets
				25 B	empty
7	5 SS	machinery	7	22 F/S	machinery
	51 B	empty		22 F	undetermined
	46 B	uranium ore		30 F	machinery
	22 B	empty		46 B	undetermined
	22 R	repairs delivery		48 B	"
	5 F/S	wheel sets		13 F/S	machinery
8	51 G	empty	8	31 T	undetermined
	3 G	empty		22 E	repairs delivery
	4 F/S	wheel sets		42 F	machinery
	40 F	machinery		48 B	undetermined
	21 F	"			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
8	43 G	empty	8	25 B	empty
	25 B	empty		47 B	undetermined
	43 B	undetermined		8 F	machinery
	28 F/S	machinery		51 G	empty
	15 F	undetermined		13 F/S	machinery
	45 B	undetermined		25 F	undetermined
9	6 F/S	machinery parts	9	16 B	empty
	48 B	undetermined		22 G	empty
	18 SS	machinery		21 F	machinery
	5 F/S	undetermined		26 F/S	undetermined
	6 F	machinery		12 F	"
	15 F/S	undetermined		47 B	uranium ore
	22 F	"		15 B	empty
	16 F/S	machinery		48 B	empty
	4 F	undetermined		52 F	machinery
	43 G	empty		47 G	empty
	42 R	undetermined			
10	50 F	machinery	10	12 SS	machinery
	48 B	undetermined		4 F/S	undetermined
	12 T	"		24 G	empty
	23 F	machinery		43 G	empty
	19 F/S	undetermined		26 R	repairs delivery
	4 F/S	wheel sets		45 B	undetermined
11	31 F	machinery	11	20 F/S	machinery
	17 F/S	undetermined		22 F	undetermined
	6 F	"		22 T	undetermined
	18 G	empty		16 E	repairs delivery
	41 B	uranium ore		43 G	empty
	6 F	wheel sets		18 F/S	machinery
	47 B	undetermined		34 F	undetermined
	5 F	"			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
12	25 B	empty	12	18 G	empty
	5 F/S	machinery		42 F	machinery
	47 B	uranium ore		46 B	undetermined

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Comment. This type of information on rail freight traffic through Frankfurt/Oder was received for the first time. The volume of traffic reported was at the previously observed level. It is noteworthy that no military shipments are recorded in the present report although previous information indicated that such shipments passed through Frankfurt/Oder during the reported period. It is possible, however, that cars reported with undetermined load actually carried military goods. The identification of shipments has become more complex.

Some of the shipments are commented on as follows: The grain shipments were grain imports from the USSR which totaled 6,000 carloads in July 1953. Most of the ore shipments were probably consigned to the Foundry Combine East near Fuerstenberg/Oder. The refrigerator car shipments were connected with the Soviet food relief program which has been under way since 1 July 1953. A total of 1,256 loaded refrigerator cars entered East Germany in July. The shipments are alternately consigned to Berlin, Leipzig and Dresden. The empty tank cars were returned after having carried deliveries by East Germany hydrogenation plants to the USSR. The loaded tank cars possibly carried vegetable oil in connection with the food relief program mentioned. A total of 10,000 tons of vegetable oil were scheduled to be imported to East Germany from the USSR in July.

Comment. Twenty-one trains with uranium ore to the USSR were recorded in the present report. This figure appears very high for a period of 21 days as, according to previous observations, a monthly average of 12 to 16 trains is considered normal. It is possible that the load of some of the trains was misidentified. The new express train coaches and refrigerator cars were deliveries by East German railroad car factories to the USSR. The wheel sets were probably Soviet-gauge and were to be used on the new cars in the USSR.

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